MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife 1505 Eastover Drive Jackson, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE of INTENT NO. F2-3795

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann Secretary of State Post Office Box 136 Jackson, MS 39205

AND

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in a meeting at East Mississippi Junior College on February 27, 2009 under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations relative to Lake Okhissa owned and/or managed by U.S. Forest Service in accordance with Section 49-1-29 as follows:

Be it ordered that regulations stated in Okhissa Lake Closure Order 2007-04-01 (1). Pursuant 116 U.S.C., Section 551, and Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 261.50 (a) and (b), are adopted as regulations in their entirety for the area known as Okhissa Lake in Franklin County.

Fishing Rules

- (1) Creel limit on catfish will be **5** per day. Catfish limits during fishing rodeos may be different.
- (2) Largemouth bass (LMB) creel limit is 10 (only 1 LMB larger than 22 in. can be in possession). Slot length limit of 18 to 22 inches. (No LMB can be in possession between 18 and 22 inches).
- (3) Bluegill creel limit will be 50 per day.
- (4) Crappie creel limit is 10 per day with a minimum length limit of 10 inches. Crappie on or less than 10 inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession.

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Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211, no later than March 27, 2009.

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